

Matter of Seningen
Del. Supr., Nos. 84 and 284, 1986 (10/29/86);
Board Case Nos. 981, 988

Disciplinary Rules: DR 1-102(A)(4)

Nature of Case:

Pursuant to a separation agreement, which Respondent drafted, husband executed deed conveying marital home to wife. Respondent never recorded the deed and misrepresented facts about this at a later time. Attorney also falsely advised client with respect to contents of agreement, resulting in loss of wife's right to alimony. Attorney also failed to respond to Family Court request for response to a motion, and falsely represented to client that her case had not been dismissed, and was still pending.

In another complaint, Respondent engaged in fraudulent conduct involving a real estate settlement. After a hearing by the Board, the Respondent tendered a Conditional Admission as to both Board Cases, and asked for a suspension of two years, followed by a probation of two years, followed by another probationary period.

Action Taken by the Court:

By Order of the Court dated October 29, 1986, the Court acknowledged its review of the Board's reports in each of the disciplinary matters, and approved all of the recommendations of the Board. Respondent was thereby suspended from the practice of law for two years, and subject to the further discipline and conditions as were contained in his Conditional Admission.